



Agenda Item 2a

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JOINT FAO/WHO FOOD STANDARDS PROGRAMME**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS COMMISSION****Sixty-fifth Session****WHO Headquarters, Geneva, 28 June – 1 July 2011****CRITICAL REVIEW FOR THE ELABORATION OF CODEX STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS****DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS SUBMITTED****TO THE COMMISSION FOR ADOPTION**

- 1) In accordance with the Uniform Procedure for the Elaboration of Codex Standards and Related Texts, Part 2. Critical Review, the texts submitted to the Commission for consideration for adoption should be examined:
 - for consistency with the mandate of Codex, the decisions of the Commission, and existing Codex texts,
 - to ensure that the requirements of the endorsement procedure have been fulfilled, where appropriate,
 - for format and presentation, and
 - for linguistic consistency.
- 2) The format included in the Strategic Plan 2008-2013 is used in the presentation of the critical review. The Job Identification Number provides information on standards and related texts that were approved as new work from 2004 onwards. As the Committee needs to know the date when new work was initiated for all standards and related texts under elaboration, the first column in the Table indicates either the Identification Number, or the year when new work was approved, or the year when work actually started, as applicable. The target year is the year by which the text is to be adopted at Step 8, as agreed by the Commission on the basis of the project document (from 2004 onwards), or the date specified by the Committee, where applicable.
- 3) The output codes are specified in Part 2 of the Strategic Plan: 1.1: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food safety; 1.2: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food quality; 1.3: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food labelling and nutrition; 1.4: Review and develop Codex standards and related texts for food inspection and certification, and methods of sampling and analysis. The draft standards and related texts submitted for adoption are listed in the following Tables with notes to draw the attention of the Executive Committee and the Commission to specific issues. The notes include the status of endorsement when applicable and only for relevant provisions.
- 4) There are no comments when no specific problems exist as regards the criteria mentioned in the Critical Review or other related issues. The comments from Chairpersons or host countries are included in the Tables. Comments received after the finalisation of the present document will be presented as room documents.
- 5) This document should be read in conjunction with **CX/CAC 11/34/3**, **CX/CAC 11/34/3-Add.1** and **CX/CAC 11/34/3-Add.3** - List of Draft Standards and Related Texts Submitted to the Commission for Adoption and **CX/CAC 11/34/4** List of Proposed Draft Standards and Related Texts submitted at Step 5.

PART I - DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 8

Committee on Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft MRLs for narasin (pig tissues) and tilmicosin (chicken and turkey tissues)	ongoing		8	1.1	JECFA ongoing	Draft MRLs for cattle tissues were retained at Step 7, pending evaluation of analytical method by 75 th JECFA (scheduled in November 2011)
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft MRLs for narasin in pig tissues for adoption at Step 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>History:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Narasin (in poultry, pigs, and cattle tissues) was added to the priority list for evaluation by JECFA at the 17th CCRVDF meeting. ▪ At the 18th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs for narasin in chicken tissues were advanced to Step 5/8, while the draft MRLs for narasin in pigs and cattle tissues were advanced to Step 5. ▪ At the 19th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs for cattle tissues were held at Step 7 so that the JECFA could evaluate the analytical method. ▪ The 19th CCRVDF advanced the draft MRLs in pig tissues to Step 8. ○ <i>Summary:</i> The draft MRLs for narasin in pig tissues have been moving through the Step Process consistently since narasin was evaluated by the JECFA. The draft MRLs for narasin in pig tissues are ready for adoption at Step 8. • Draft MRLs for tilmicosin in chicken and turkey tissues for adoption at Step 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>History:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tilmicosin (in sheep milk and poultry tissues and eggs) was added to the priority list for evaluation by the JECFA at the 17th CCRVDF meeting. ▪ The JECFA was unable to recommend MRLs for tilmicosin in sheep milk and poultry eggs, but recommended draft MRLs in chicken and turkey tissues. ▪ At the 18th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs for tilmicosin in chicken and turkey tissues were advanced to Step 5. ▪ At the 19th CCRVDF meeting, the draft MRLs in chicken and turkey tissues were advanced to Step 8 ○ <i>Summary:</i> The draft MRLs for tilmicosin in chicken and turkey tissues have been moving through the Step Process consistently since tilmicosin was evaluated by the JECFA. The draft MRLs are ready for adoption at Step 8. 						

Ad hoc Intergovernmental Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance (4th Session, 18-22 October 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Guidelines for Risk Analysis of Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance	N01-N02-N03-2008	2011	8	1.1		The three documents on risk assessment, risk management and risk profile initially proposed as individual items of work were consolidated into the current Draft Guidelines, adopted at Step 5 by the 33 rd Commission (2010)
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Processed Fruits and Vegetables (25th Session, 25 – 29 October 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Desiccated Coconut (revision of CODEX STAN 177-1991)	N03-2009	2013	5/8	1.2		CCFA: endorsed CCMAS: endorsed CCFL: endorsed with an amendment. ¹
Proposed Draft Annex on Certain Mushrooms (revision of CODEX STAN 55-1981) (<i>For inclusion in the Codex Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables</i>)	N01-2009	2013	5/8	1.2		For inclusion in the Standard for Certain Canned Vegetables CCFA: endorsed CCMAS: endorsed CCFL: endorsed ¹
Proposed Draft Standard for Canned Bamboo Shoots (revision of CODEX STAN 241-2003)	N01-2009	2013	5/8	1.2		The Standard remains as a stand-alone document as the scope covers lacto-fermented, pickled or preserved in vinegar vegetables which are not addressed by the Standard for Certain Canned

¹ The provisions for hygiene and contaminants (including pesticides) correspond to the standard text as set out in the Procedural Manual.

						Vegetables. CCFA: endorsed CCMAS: endorsed CCFL: endorsed ¹
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (32 nd Session, 1-5 November 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Annex to the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: General Principles for Establishing Nutrient Reference Values of Vitamins and Minerals for General Population	N06-2008	2012	8	1.3		The Committee agreed to ensure as much consistency as possible between the Draft Annex at Step 8 and the Proposed Draft Annex on NRVs for Nutrients Associated with Risk of Diet-Related Non-communicable Diseases (NRV-NCDs) under development. Both texts will be part of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling when finalised. Work is also ongoing on Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values (NRVs).
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (17 th Session, 8-12 November 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Culantro Coyote	N04-2009	2013	5/8	1.2		CCFL: endorsed.1
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Lucuma	N05-2009	2013	5/8	1.2		Endorsement: same as culantro coyote.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Asia (17 th Session, 22-26 November 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Regional Standard for Edible Sago Flour	N06-2007	2010	8	1.2		CCFA: endorsed CCMAS: endorsed CCFL: endorsed ¹
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Chilli Sauce	N05-2007	2011	5/8	1.2		CCFA: endorsed except curcumin and paprika oleoresin CCMAS: endorsed CCFL: endorsed with an amendment ¹
Comments by the Chairperson/ host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Food Hygiene (42 nd Session, 29 November-3 December 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
Proposed Draft Guideline for the Control of <i>Campylobacter</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> spp in Chicken Meat	N08-2007	2010	5/8	1.1	JEMRA (Report of Technical meeting and development of web based risk management decision tool) Joint FAO/WHO Expert meeting on the benefits and risks of the use of chlorine-containing disinfectants in food production	
Proposed Draft Revision of the Recommended International Code of Hygienic Practice for Collecting,	N05-2010	2013 or 2014	5/8	1.1		

Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters (CAC/RCP 33 – 1985)						
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/ host country of the Committee:</p> <p><i>PROPOSED DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF CAMPYLOBACTER AND SALMONELLA SPP. IN CHICKEN MEAT</i></p> <p>At the proposal of the Chairperson, the Committee considered a revised version of paragraph 14, resolution of which would unblock the situation that had prevented the 41st CCFH considering the document in detail. The proposed paragraph highlighted that the use of control measures were subject to the approval by the competent authority, where appropriate, and allowed for the use of control measures other than those mentioned as examples in the document. At the 42nd CCFH meeting, the Committee agreed to the proposed paragraph, which represented a compromise solution to the different proposals and allowed for flexibility by recognizing that the competent authorities should decide on the specific control measure to be approved. It was noted that the revised paragraph also allowed for new technologies to be used without amending the document. In view of the agreement reached on paragraph 14, the detailed revision of the document and the absence of any outstanding issues, the Committee agreed that the document was ready to further progress in the Step procedure and to be adopted by the Commission.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to forward the proposed draft Guidelines for the Control of Campylobacter and Salmonella spp. in Chicken Meat to the Commission for adoption at Step 5/8 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7.</p> <p><i>PROPOSED DRAFT REVISION OF RECOMMENDED INTERNATIONAL CODE OF HYGIENIC PRACTICE FOR COLLECTING, PROCESSING AND MARKETING OF NATURAL MINERAL WATERS</i></p> <p>The Committee at its 41st session began work on the revision of the Recommended International Code of Hygienic Practice for Collecting, Processing and Marketing of Natural Mineral Waters (CAC/RCP 33- 1985) and established a physical Working Group, led by Switzerland.</p> <p>The primary outstanding issue remained the microbiological criteria in Annex I. A brief intersession working group met to draft wording that would provide flexibility by allowing manufacturers to choose all or a subset of the microbiological criteria for fecal indicators as appropriate, in accordance with any requirements set by the competent authority. Similarly, a provision was included for competent authorities to use all or a subset of the criteria to verify control measures. This compromise allowed the Committee to reach consensus on the document. As a consequence of the decision on Annex I -(microbiological criteria), the Committee agreed to request the Commission to remove section 4.4 of the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters and to reference the Code as prescribed in the Procedural Manual</p> <p>In view of the consensus reached on the document, the Committee agreed to forward the Proposed Draft revision for adoption at Step 5/8 with the recommendation to omit Steps 6 and 7.</p>						

Committee on Fats and Oils (22nd Session, 21-25 February 2011)						
Proposed Draft Amendments to the Standards for Named Vegetable Oils:	N09-2007	2009	8	1.2		Adopted at Step 5 by the 32 nd CAC (2009). Some delay was due to consideration of additional data on

Inclusion of Palm Kernel Olein and Palm Kernel Stearin						fatty acid composition, which were updated in 2011 and allowed finalisation of the amendment.
Sections for inclusion in the <i>Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Edible Fats and Oils in Bulk</i> (CAC/RCP 36-1987)						
Draft List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes	1999		8	1.1	FAO/WHO Technical Meeting held in November 2006	The lists and the criteria are for inclusion in the Code of Practice, adopted in 1999, following which the lists were discussed for several sessions. The lists are at different steps since 2001 when one list was forwarded to the Commission (2001) at Step 5/8, adopted at Step 5, while other substances were included on another list sent for comments at Step 3 due to lack of agreement at that stage. Delays are due to the following: CCFO is held on a biennial basis; it formulated its request for scientific advice in 2003 and considered the outcome of the FAO/WHO Technical Meeting in 2007; and there are different views on the use of criteria and the lists themselves. The 62 nd CCEXEC (2009) encouraged the CCFO to finalise its work on the Lists at its next session in 2011, while noting that, in general, the development of lists could delay the progress of Codex work.
Proposed Draft List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes	1999		5/8	1.1		See above for background. This list was sent for comments at Step 3 between the 21 st (2009) and 22 nd (2011) CCFO.
Draft Criteria to assess the acceptability of substances for inclusion in a list of acceptable previous cargoes	2007		8	1.1	FAO/WHO Technical Meeting held in November 2006	The criteria are based on the scientific advice of FAO/WHO and were circulated at Step 3 in 2007 (no new work as they were also part of the section of the Code including the lists), and adopted at

						Step 5 by the 32 nd CAC (2009).
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Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Draft List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes:

An in-session working group was established, as proposed by the Chair to facilitate discussion and to make progress on this agenda item.

In view that many delegations supported the Draft List and Proposed Draft List, the Committee agreed to advance the Draft List for adoption at Step 8 and the Proposed Draft List for adoption at Step 5/8 with the omission of Steps 6 and 7 by the 34th Session of the Commission.

Draft Criteria to Assess the Acceptability of Substances for Inclusion in a List of Acceptable Previous Cargoes (Code of Practice for the Storage and Transport of Fats and Oils in Bulk): to advance to the 34th Session of Commission for adoption at Step 8.

Draft Amendments to the Standards for Named Vegetable Oils: Inclusion of Palm Kernel Olein and Palm Kernel Stearin: to advance to the 34th Session of Commission for adoption at Step 8.

Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling (32 nd Session, 7-11 March 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Revised Guidelines on Measurement Uncertainty (CAC/GL 54-2004)	N10-2008	2011	8	1.4		The CCPR also revised the <i>Guidelines on Estimation of Uncertainty of Results for the determination of pesticide residues</i> (CAC/GL59-2006), while the work of CCMAS is of general application. There is ongoing coordination between CCMAS and CCPR to ensure consistency in the approach.
Endorsement of methods of analysis in Codex Standards at different Steps	ongoing		for adoption	1.4		For adoption in existing Codex Standards or CODEX STAN 234-1999. This includes further update of the methods for health related substances (Section 3.2) in the Standard for Natural Mineral Waters following the request of the 31 st CAC (2008)

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

Committee on Food Additives (43 rd Session, 14-18 March 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft and Proposed Draft Food Additive Provisions of the General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA)	ongoing		8 and 5/8	1.1	JECFA ongoing	
Proposed Draft Revision of the Food Category System of the GSFA (food categories 5.1, 5.3 and 5.4)	N07-2010		5/8	1.1		
Proposed Draft Amendments to the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing		5/8	1.1		
Proposed Draft Specifications for the Identity and Purity of Food Additives (CAC/MISC 6)	ongoing		5/8	1.1	JECFA ongoing	
Other provisions for adoption						
Amendments to food additives provisions for antioxidants and preservatives of food category 04.1.2.2 “dried fruits” of the GSFA	ongoing					This amendment was recommended by CCPFV, which proposed to include in the proposed draft Standard for Dessicated Coconuts (forwarded for adoption at Step 5/8) a general reference to the GSFA, while ensuring that only specific food additives (antioxidants and preservatives) are used in products covered by standard (Ref. REP11/PFV, paras 28-40).
Amendment to Section 4 “Carry-over of Food Additives” of the Preamble of the GSFA						This amendment is consequential to the request of the 32 nd CAC to determine whether it was necessary to revise Section 4 of the Preamble of the GSFA (Ref. ALINORM 09/32/REP, paras 95-97).
Amendment to “Explanatory notes on the lay-out of the INS” Section 1 of the <i>Class Names and International Numbering System for Food Additives</i> (CAC/GL 36-1989)	ongoing					This amendment, of editorial nature, addresses the concerns raised at the 42 nd CCFA about the inconsistent use of brackets in the names of compounds and the use of the term “caustic” for describing the manufacturing process which was

						used in association with caramel I (INS 150a) and caramel II (INS 150b) (Ref. ALINORM 10/33/12, para. 133).
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p>GSFA</p> <p>The 43rd CCFA has continued to give high priority to the completion of the GSFA; two days of physical Working Group and one full day in Plenary were dedicated to the GSFA. 193 food additive provisions in Table 1 and 2 of the GSFA related to 10 food additives with numerical ADI (7 colours, 2 new food additives, i.e. steviol glycosides and lauric arginate ethyl esters, and sulphites), including 20 revisions to adopted provisions, were forwarded to the 34th CAC for adoption. The European Union and Norway expressed general reservation on the adoption of the provisions for steviol glycosides and lauric arginate ethyl esters and a number of colours. The CCFA also recommended discontinuation / revocation of other 122 food additive provisions in Table 1 and 2 GSFA and 3 provisions (related to aluminium containing food additives) in Table 3 of the GSFA.</p> <p>The 43rd CCFA also agreed to forward to the 34th CAC for adoption amendments to food additives provisions for antioxidants and preservatives of food category 04.1.2.2 “dried fruits” and an amendment to Section 4 “carry-over of Food Additives” of the Preamble of the GSFA. It further agreed to continue discussion on the use of Note 161 and the scope of food category 16 of the GSFA at its next session approach to consider</p> <p>INS and Specifications</p> <p>The Committee continued its work on amendments to the INS and specifications for identity and purity of food additives.</p>						

Committee on Contaminants in Foods (5 th Session, 21-25 March 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Code of Practice for the Prevention and Reduction of Ethyl Carbamate Contamination in Stone Fruit Distillates	N11-2009	2011	5/8	1.1		
Proposed Draft Maximum Levels for Melamine in Food (<i>Liquid Infant Formula</i>)	N13-2009	2011	5/8	1.1	WHO/FAO expert consultation in collaboration with Health Canada on melamine held in 1 – 4 December 2008.	
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p>						

Committee on Pesticide Residues (43 rd Session, 4-9 April 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft and Revised Draft MRLs	ongoing		8 and 5/8	1.1	JMPR ongoing	
Proposed Draft Revision to the Guidelines on the Estimation of Uncertainty of Results for the Determination of Pesticide Residues (Annex to CAC/GL 59-2006)	N13-2008	2012	5/8			<p>This work has been carried out in consultation with the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling. The revision does not require endorsement by CCMAS.</p> <p>The revision consists in the development of an explanatory Annex to be incorporated into the Guidelines to facilitate their application by laboratories operating under Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) in pesticide residue analysis.</p>
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (31 st Session, 11-16 April 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Standard for Fish Sauce	N02-2007	2011	8	1.1-1.2		<p>CCFA and CCMAS: could not consider the standard as CCFP was held after these committees</p> <p>CCFL: endorsed</p> <p>Chair's comment: CCFFP's 31st session made good progress.</p> <p>Agreed to forward the Draft Standard to Step 8 for adoption.</p>
Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products (section on smoked fish and relevant definitions)	N/A	2011	5/8	1.1-1.2		Chair's comment: CCFFP's 31 st session made good progress

						Agreed to forward the proposed draft COP for adoption at step 5/8 with the recommendations to omit Steps 6 and 7.
Proposed Draft Amendment to the Standard for Quick Frozen Fish Sticks	N01-2007	2009	5/8	1.2		Chair's comment: CCFFP's 31 st session made good progress. Agreed to forward the Amendments for adoption at step 5/8 with the recommendation to omit steps 6 and 7.
Proposed Draft Amendment to Section 3.4.5.1 Water of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products			5/8	1.2		Consequential amendment following the decision of the 30 th session of CCFFP while finalizing the section on lobsters and crabs (adopted by the 33 rd CAC), that water treatment through chlorination was not limited only to lobsters or crabs, but also to other products covered in the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products.
Amendment to the Preamble of Section 6, Aquaculture Products of the Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products						The amendment is to update the reference to the OIE Aquatic Code.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee: see above for each item						

Committee on Food Labelling (39 th Session, 9-13 May 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Revision of the Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling: List of Nutrients that are always declared on a Voluntary or Mandatory Basis	N16-2008	2015	5/8	1.3		
Proposed Draft Compilation of Codex Texts Relevant to Labelling of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology	1996		5/8	1.3		Previously "Proposed Draft Recommendations for the Labelling of Foods obtained through certain techniques of GM/GE: Labelling Provisions", title amended at the 39 th CCFL (2011) when finalising the document.

						<p>The 35th CCFL (2007) agreed that: “the time frame for the completion of this work was four years.” In subsequent sessions a text collecting existing guidance in Codex texts that can be applied to the labelling of GM/GE was circulated for comments and discussed.</p> <p>The 62nd CCEXEC (2009) noted the above deadline and expected that the CCFL would complete its work by 2011; if it did not, the Executive Committee would recommend corrective action (ALINORM 09/23/3, para. 40). The 63rd CCEXEC (2009) recalled this recommendation and made a similar recommendation concerning the related Definitions. (ALINORM 10/33/3, para. 14).</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Work on the related Definitions is proposed for discontinuation (listed in CX/CAC 11/34/9-Add.1)</p>
<p>Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:</p> <p>Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health</p> <p>The Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) continued its work on texts relevant to the implementation of the <i>Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health</i>. Items related to the Global Strategy are being afforded high priority by the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to advance the Draft Revision of Section 3.2 of the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> concerning the list of nutrients that are always declared on a voluntary or mandatory basis and the recommendations on the declaration of saturated fat, sodium and total sugars to Step 8 for adoption by the 34th Session of the CAC. While some diversity of view existed regarding whether to declare sodium or “salt”, the Committee was able to achieve consensus regarding sodium being indicated in the list of nutrients that are always declared by also including a footnote which recognized that jurisdictions may elect to express the total sodium in salt equivalents as “salt” in order to facilitate their national consumer education efforts.</p> <p>Labelling of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology</p> <p>The Committee agreed to advance the Proposed Draft Compilation of Codex Texts Relevant to Labelling of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology to Step 5/8 with omission of steps 6 and 7 for adoption by the 34th Session of the CAC. This enabled the Committee to meet the commitment it made to the CCEXEC in 2007 to complete this work in four years (i.e. 2011). The facilitation process used by the Committee proved to be a significant step towards achieving the necessary level of consensus. While the facilitation process was pivotal in achieving consensus, it should be noted that facilitation would be most effective if used earlier in the elaboration negotiations before member positions become entrenched. The Chair commends the members for the spirit of the compromise which was necessary to complete this work. As there are several elements of the text which found consensus through carefully balanced compromise, it is hoped</p>						

that debate regarding adoption will not pursue significant text revisions which might undo the balance.

Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (16 th Session, 2-6 May 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Draft Standard for Tree Tomatoes	N18-2008	2011	8	1.2		CCFL: endorsed ²
Proposed Draft Standard for Chilli Peppers	N17-2008	2011	5/8	1.2		Same as tree tomatoes.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for the Near East (6 th Session, 23-27 May 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Code of Practice for Street Vended Foods	work started 2003		5/8	1.1	Not required.	The 49 th Session of the Executive Committee had approved the proposal of the First Session of the Codex Coordinating Committee for the Near East to commence work on a Code of Hygienic Practice for Street-Vended Foods, taking into account the work already undertaken in other Regions. At the second, third, fourth and fifth session the code was not discussed in detail and returned to step 2 because of late submission of the proposed draft and lacking substantive input from interested delegations. At the 62 nd CCEXEC (2009) in the critical review in reply to a request for clarification on the prospects

² The provisions for hygiene and contaminants (including pesticides) correspond to the standard text as set out in the Procedural Manual. There are no provisions for additives and methods of analysis and sampling.

						<p>of completion of the Proposed Draft Code for Street Vended Foods, the Coordinator for the Near East informed the Committee that there had been some delay in the initial drafting in order to take into account various documents and existing work in that area. A new document had been circulated for comments and it was expected that the Code would be finalised at the next session of the CCNEA. The Committee welcomed these explanations and encouraged the CCNEA to finalise the Code for adoption by the Commission in 2011.</p> <p>The document was discussed in detail at the 6th Session and agreement was found on all open issues.</p>
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Harissa (Hot Pepper Paste)	N08-2009	2011	5/8	1.2	Not required.	<p>Labelling: Not endorsed because CCNEA was held after CCFL. The proposed labelling provisions are standard text.</p> <p>Hygiene and Contaminants: The provisions proposed correspond to the standard text as set out in the Procedural Manual.</p> <p>Food additives: Not endorsed because of timing. No food additives are allowed in this product.</p> <p>Methods of analysis and Sampling: Not endorsed because of timing. Several methods are proposed.</p>
Proposed Draft Regional Standard for Halwa Tehenia	N09-2009	2011	5/8	1.2	Not required.	<p>Labelling: Not endorsed because CCNEA was held after CCFL. The proposed labelling provisions are standard text with to added provisions.</p> <p>Hygiene and Contaminants: Not endorsed because of timing (s.a.). The provisions proposed correspond to the standard text as set out in the Procedural Manual.</p> <p>Food additives: Not endorsed because of timing. Standard text is proposed allowing acidity regulators and emulsifiers to be used in the product.</p> <p>Methods of analysis and Sampling: Not endorsed</p>

						because of timing. Standard provision on sampling is proposed. Several methods are proposed.
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PART II - DRAFT STANDARDS AND RELATED TEXTS AT STEP 5

Committee on Food Additives (43 rd Session, 14-18 March 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Revision of the <i>Standard for Food Grade Salt</i> (CODEX STAN 150-1985)	N08-2010	2011	5	1.1-1.4		<p>This work only focuses on the revision of sections on additives, contaminants, hygiene and methods of analysis and sampling, with the purpose to align them with the “Format of Codex Commodity Standards” in the <i>Procedural Manual</i> and to address the issue of the reference to document CX/MAS 1-1987 in the section on methods of analysis and sampling, which was never adopted by the Commission, and to update the list of methods included therein.</p> <p>The advice of CCMAS regarding the possibility of converting the methods for heavy metals and copper into criteria and the suitability to use a method listing approach for the other elements, will allow the next session of CCFA to finalise the document.</p>

Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:

The 43rd could only advance the proposed draft revision to Step 5 since advice from the Committee on Methods of Analysis and Sampling was needed on the preferred approach for the selecting different analytical methods. The CCFA did not discuss any proposals for revision of sections that were not within the scope of the work approved by the 33rd CAC (i.e. sections on food additives, contaminants, hygiene and methods of analysis and sampling).

Committee on Pesticide Residues (43 rd Session, 4-9 April 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft MRLs	ongoing		5	1.1	JMPR ongoing	
Proposed Draft Revision of the Codex Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds - <i>Assorted Tropical and Sub-tropical Fruits - Edible Peel</i> ; <i>Assorted Tropical and Sub-tropical Fruits - Inedible Peel</i>	N11-2004 N09-2006	2012	5	1.1		<p>The 27th CAC (2004) approved a limited revision of the Classification.</p> <p>During the revision, the Committee realized that the existing Codex Classification needs extensive revision and requested the extension of the revision, which was approved by the 29th CAC (2006). The grouping needs to be revised in the light of new scientific evidence and to allow the selection of representative crops for extrapolation purposes.</p> <p>The Committee revises the Classification according to plan until all commodity groups are revised.</p> <p>Finalisation of this group will allow the presentation of a single revised classification for fruit commodity groups in 2012. Other fruit commodity groups are currently retained at Step 7 waiting for the finalization of the fruit group.</p>

Committee on Fish and Fishery Products (31st Session, 11-16 April 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Quick Frozen Scallop Adductor Muscle Meat	2001		5	1.1-1.2		CCFFP's 31 st session made good progress and agreed to forward the Draft standard for adoption at Step 5.
Proposed Draft Standard for Fresh/Live and Frozen Abalone	N03-2007	2012	5	1.1-1.2		
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee: see above						

Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (16 th Session, 2-6 May 2011)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Standard for Pomegranate	N01-2010	2013	5	1.2		
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						

Committee on Food Labelling (38 th Session, 3-7 May 2010)	Timeframe		Status	Output Codes	Scientific Advice	Explanatory Notes
	Job ID or year	Target Year				
Proposed Draft Definition of Nutrient Reference Values	N14-2010	2012	5	1.3		For inclusion in the Codex Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling. Work on the definition was undertaken following the request of the CCNFSDU while considering the revision/establishment of NRVs. The definition will be forwarded to the CCNFSDU for comments prior to its finalisation.
Comments by the Chairperson/host country of the Committee:						
Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health						
The Codex Committee on Food Labelling (CCFL) continued its work on texts relevant to the implementation of the <i>Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health</i> . Items related to the Global Strategy are being afforded high priority by the Committee.						
The Committee agreed to advance the Proposed Draft Definition of Nutrient Reference Values (NRV) in the <i>Guidelines on Nutrition Labelling</i> to Step 5.						
The CCFL continued exchanges with the CCNFSDU to ensure alignment and coordinated responses with regards to work being done by both Committees relevant to the <i>Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health</i> . The draft definition for NRV will also be referred to the CCNFSDU for comments, which would be taken into account at the next session when finalising the definition.						